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§ 8.0 Definition of and criteria for "good health".

(a) Definition. The words good health, when used in connection with insurance, mean that the applicant is, from clinical or other evidence, free from

disease, injury, abnormality, infirmity, or residual of disease or injury to a degree that would tend to weaken or impair the normal functions of the mind or body or to shorten life.

(b) Criteria. Underwriting standards for determining whether an individual is in good health, based as far as practicable on general insurance usage, will be developed and published.

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EFFECTIVE DATE

§ 8.1 Effective date for insurance issued under section 1922(a) of title 38 U.S.C.

The effective date may be established upon written request of the applicant as follows:

- (a) As of the date on which valid application and tender of premium are made.
- (b) As of the first day of the month in which valid application and tender of premium are made.
- (c) As of the first day of the month following the month in which valid application and tender of premium are made.
- (d) As of the first day of any month, but not more than 6 months prior to the month in which valid application and tender of premium are made: Provided, That there be paid an amount equal to the full reserve on the insurance at the end of the month prior to the month in which application is made, and the full premium on the amount of insurance for the month in which application is made.

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PREMIUMS

§ 8.2 Payment of premiums.

- (a) What is a premium? A premium is a payment that a policyholder is required to make for an insurance policy.
- (b) How can policyholders pay premiums? Premiums can be paid by:
- (1) Cash, check, or money order directly to VA.
- (2) Allotment from service or retirement pay.